

## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**June 18, 2019**

**2:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Mike Montello, Ron Volkert, and Tom Weinmeyer

Others Present: Craig Yehlik, Matt Melby, Mike Darrow, and Lori Brinkman

Mike Montello called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Roll call was taken.

Ron Volkert moved to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Tom Weinmeyer and carried.

Ron Volkert moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting of March 11, 2019, seconded by Mike Montello and carried.

### **Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

Ron Volkert moved to nominate Tom Weinmeyer as Chair, seconded by Mike Montello and carried.

Mike Montello moved to nominate Ron Volkert as Vice Chair, seconded by Tom Weinmeyer and carried.

### **CBD Oil Update and Review**

Police Chief Craig Yehlik stated there is still confusion about what is legal and what is illegal with regard to CBD products. The confusion stems from inconsistencies between Federal and State laws. Chief Yehlik explained that in Wisconsin, a person must have a prescription or be part of a medical study to legally possess CBD oil. Any other possession, purchase, or use is illegal. Chief Yehlik recommends working with City Attorney Nick Vivian to update the City ordinance in the near future.

### **Tobacco Ordinance**

Chief Yehlik explained that the City of New Richmond has a tobacco ordinance (50-289), however, the ordinance appears antiquated as it specifies the term "tobacco leaf". These days the Police Department sees more than just tobacco leaf products (i.e. oils, vaping products, etc.), he feels an update to the wording in the City's ordinance is warranted. Chief Yehlik's recommendation is to update the wording to read "nicotine product", which matches the language used in State Statute 254.92.

Mike Montello moved to approve the wording change in the City's tobacco ordinance from "tobacco leaf" to "nicotine product", seconded by Ron Volkert and carried.

### **Turningpoint MOU**

Chief Yehlik gave some background on Turningpoint, which is a non-profit organization for victims of domestic and sexual violence. Turningpoint has requested entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the New Richmond Police Department. Chief Yehlik and City Attorney Nick Vivian have reviewed the MOU. Chief Yehlik's only recommended modification to the MOU is to change the word "should" to "may" in item 3 ("As a matter of standard procedure, the New Richmond Police Department **may** make resources and information packets available to victims about their rights.").

Mike Montello moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Turningpoint and the City of New Richmond's Police Department with the change from "should" to "may" as noted above, seconded by Ron Volkert and carried.

#### **Golf Carts, ATVs, UTVs on City Roadways**

At the February Public Safety Committee meeting, there was discussion about the possibility of allowing golf carts, ATVs, and/or UTVs on City streets. Chief Yehlik explained this request has again been brought forward. Discussion ensued regarding allowing golf carts only and limiting them to Streets only (not trails or sidewalks). Safety is also a concern.

Chief Yehlik will take the next 90 days to further investigate other municipalities' ordinances, such as Durand, and will bring his findings forward to the Public Safety Committee at that time.

#### **Communication/Miscellaneous**

- Chief Yehlik mentioned that Officer Chevrier and K-9 Storm traveled to Lino Lakes for re-certification. Mike Darrow wonders if we can video Storm during training to play on various social media platforms.
- Channel 9 News recently aired a "Hiding in Plain Sight" piece featuring the Barron County Sheriff's Department.

Mike Montello moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ron Volkert and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

Minutes by Lori Brinkman